

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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Proposals for Investment in IT Sector
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal for establishing an IT Investment Region in Bhubaneswar, has been pending with the Government for final approval, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the time by which the Government is likely to approve the project?

Answer

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. ITIR Policy 2008 was notified by DeitY to promote investment in IT/ITeS and Electronic Hardware Manufacturing. Proposal were received from various State Governments for setting up ITIRs. The proposal of Government of Odisha to set up IT Investment Region(ITIR) was processed and put up for consideration of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). While examining the proposal of Government of Odisha for setting up ITIR in Bhubaneswar on 10.09.2014, CCEA directed to re-examine the ITIR Policy Resolution 2008 based on the experience gained. To re-examine the ITIR Policy Resolution 2008, as directed by CCEA, suggestions were invited from the State/UT Governments. Based on the comments received from the State Governments and experience gained, a draft note for consideration of CCEA was prepared. The proposed amendment in the ITIR Policy resolution 2008 are:

- i. To put a ceiling to the size of the ITIRs to 250 sq km.
- ii. To reduce the minimum size of ITIR from existing 40 sq km to 10 sq km.
- iii. To stipulate that at least 20% of the area in a proposed ITIR, should be in the possession of the State/UT Government at the time of making the proposal.
- iv. To mandate that all new ITIRs shall be "Smart Cities".
- v. The Government of Odisha will be requested to revise their proposal as per the amendment approved by CCEA and after receiving the revised proposal from Government of Odisha, the proposal for ITIR Bhubaneswar will be put up for approval of CCEA following due process.
